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Of Special Interest This Week

+ LIVE SOVIET COVERAGE PROVIDED - On 26 April, FBIS provided to CIA analysts live coverage of a 90-minute prime-time Soviet TV documentary on the February rioting in Armenia. The program showed filmclips of the rioting and damage and featured interviews with participants and victims. The narrator admitted that the failure of Soviet news media to accurately report the disturbances had contributed to the unrest by feeding rumors. Headquarters analysts rated the documentary as one of the most open and candid programs ever seen on Soviet television. (U/AIUO)

FBIS also provided live coverage of the traditional three-hour May Day parade from Red Square. Both broadcasts were monitored from the new Gorizont 15 satellite. (U/AIUO)

+SAUDI-IRANIAN RELATIONS BREAK COVERED - FBIS Nicosia Bureau monitored on 26 April an official Saudi announcement that that country was breaking relations with Iran. The report provided Intelligence Community watch officers and analysts with their first official report on the break in relations. The announcement was monitored from Riyadh television using Nicosia Bureau's new ROSET facilities. (U/AIUO)

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